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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2008, having a period for response set to expire on November 14, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.